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For: **METHODS AND VECTORS FOR SITE-SPECIFIC
RECOMBINATION IN PLANT CELL PLASTIDS**

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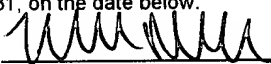
**REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring September 5, 2002, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. This response is being filed with a three month extension of time to render it timely filed. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please consider the amended claims below:

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24. (amended) A method for performing a plurality of separate transformations in a plant cell plastid using the same selectable marker gene for selection of transplastomic plants comprising: